

Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled A METHOD FOR REDUCING ALKALINE DARKENING OF MECHANICAL PULP CONTAINING A CALCIUM CARBONATE FILLER, the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as United States Application No. or PCT International Application No. _____

and (if applicable) was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed;

Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date-Month/Day/Year</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date-Month/Day/Year</u>	<u>Status (Pending, Abandoned)</u>
<u>60/105,951</u>	<u>October 28, 1998</u>	<u>Pending</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States Application(s) or 365(c) of any PCT International Application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35, United States code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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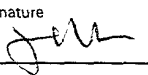
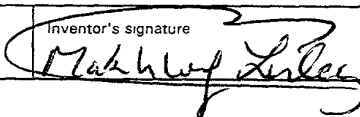
As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner(s), with full power of substitution, association, and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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